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Fred Thompson Chosen As "Driver of the Quarter" By PFG/NorthCenter



Fred & Diane Thompson with their grand-daughter Olivia

Fred Thompson was chosen Driver of the 4th Quarter - 2005, at PFG/NorthCenter, Augusta, ME.

Below is the article that was featured in their company newsletter;

"Fred is not only an example of a professional driver, but is devoted to his family"

"It is our pleasure to announce that Fred Thompson has earned the title Driver of the Quarter."

Fred has repeatedly gone above and beyond the call of duty and is a real pleasure to work with, always ready to accept the task at hand without questions or complaints.

Fred is a great asset to our fleet and has proven himself to be a reliable, safe and efficient driver time and time again.

Congratulations & Thank You Fred!!!!"

Fred is not only an example of a professional driver, but is devoted to his family. Fred is a husband,

A True Family Affair

When we talk about family involvement in our organization, we have a President who exemplifies that ideal. We all know that **Dave Stuart** drives tractor trailer for **Cumberland Farms** and has involved his wife **Terry** in all of our activities. You see them both at all the things MPDA does.

Terry serves as Secretary of our organization as well as being the co-chair of MPDA involvement in the Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy.

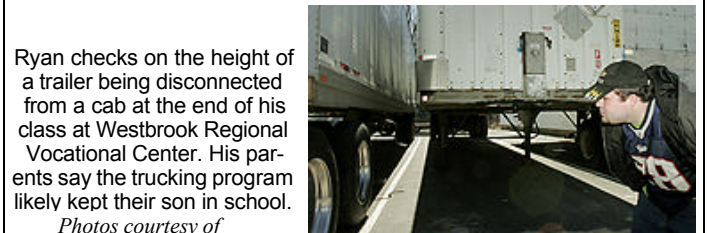
"It was a positive story that lent a positive light on our industry and our profession."

Terry and Dave have added their son **Ryan** to the mix. Ryan has been attending Westbrook Regional Vocational Center for the last two years. Ryan earned his Class B CDL with a tank endorsement last year as a Junior at WRVC. He will graduate this June with a Class A CDL, ready to be a truck driver, just like Dad.

The reason we bring this up is that Ryan was featured on the front page of the Portland Press Herald on Monday, March 27 in a story about alternatives for high school kids who may not fit the mold of the student who will continue on to college.



Ryan drives a tractor-trailer along U.S. Route 202 in Buxton during his truck-driving class at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. Ryan will graduate from high school with a Class A CDL drivers license and plans to attend community college.



Ryan checks on the height of a trailer being disconnected from a cab at the end of his class at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. His parents say the trucking program likely kept their son in school.

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a father, and recently a grandfather. He is so proud of his family, and it shows. Fred's lovely and adorable grand-daughter Olivia is the proverbial "apple of his eye"

Fred's career is an impressive one too.

He has been driving professionally for 38 years, logging over 2,700,000 miles. He drove his first truck at age 13. It was his father's 1957, H63 Mack.

Fred actually started driving professionally in 1968 with his brother Clarence for Merrill Transportation. In 1971 he became a long distance driver for W. B. Sparrow hauling from Maine to Florida and the Midwest.

In 1976 he purchased a 1969 Conventional Kenworth, retiring it from road service in 1992. The old Kenworth is now used only for special occasions such as truck shows and convoys. During the years from 1969 to 1992 he leased to Refrigerated Food Express in Boston, MA, and **H. O. Bouchard** in Hamden, ME.

Since then he has been a company driver and Transportation supervisor for **Associated Grocers of New England** and Macomber Transportation and a company driver for **Hannaford Trucking**. Currently Fred is employed at **PFG/NorthCenter** in Augusta, ME.

Fred also teaches at local Driver Education classes, the "How to Share the Highway Safely with Large Trucks". Fred is also a certified instructor with the Maine Driving Dynamics program, teaching this program from time to time as his time permits.

Fred is active in his local church, teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Sunday school and is also one of the van drivers that picks up anyone who is in need of a ride to church.


Some of Fred's leisure time activities include watching NASCAR Nextel races on TV and enjoys going to NHIS in Loudon, NH twice a year.

And of course, with all of this going on his most favorite this to do is to play with his new granddaughter.

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Ryan has been accepted into a recording arts program at Southern Maine Community college but ponders whether to follow in the footsteps of his father in the truck driving field.

It was a positive story that lent a positive light on our industry and our profession. We wish Ryan the best in whatever field he chooses for a career and are grateful that we have families involved to the extent that they portray us all in a positive light.

A Note From The Editor:

After the article in the Portland Press Herald was published on March 27th, Terry and I received calls and emails from our families, MPDA members, even some of Ryan's teachers from the past 12 years as well as friends complimenting Ryan, and us as parents. We were also encouraged to make sure something was put in an issue of MPDA's newsletter. While this was nice to hear and kind of "head swelling" at the time, we did not feel we should be the ones to write an article, but were pleased when one of our members suggested that this was a great example of family involvement in trucking and offered to write the article.

Everyone likes to be thanked for something they do - Terry and myself are no exception. But we are not people who like to "self-promote". We don't do the things we do for the industry or our organization to gain recognition, or to get thanks in any way - we do what we do because we believe in the organization and in the trucking industry. We feel it helps not just the members of MPDA, but each and every professional driver who drives for a living.

With that said: Ryan is our son and we are very proud of what he has accomplished in the last twelve years of school. Especially the last two years while attending Westbrook Regional Vocational Center with MPDA member Dick Dolloff. We were also very pleased and proud to see such a nice positively written article about him in the Portland newspaper.

After reading the article in the Portland newspaper several times since March 27th, we also realized the article was not just about Ryan - it was also about the trucking industry. The article promoted each and every MPDA member as well in an indirect way, and we felt that should be shared with our members.

*Thank you,
Terry & Dave Stuart*

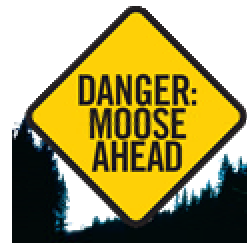
Mr. Moose

It happens all the time. There's a moose in the road. A car comes along and WHAM! In Maine, cars and trucks crash into moose and deer thousands of times every year. It's that big a problem.

Of course, most people are delighted to see a beautiful white tailed deer or a majestic bull moose. But few people know how to handle a head-on encounter with Maine's largest and wildest creatures.

Experts from several state agencies have put together a number of safety tips to help you avoid the

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President's Report

You will find in this issue our very first "driver bio". We are in hopes that this will be something we will be doing more of. If you would like to submit a bio about someone you know, please feel free to send it in. If you are a Supporting member and would like to see any of your drivers highlighted in an issue of *Behind the Wheel* please feel free to send it in to the email address below or give a call with the information.

I would like to make mention of a new section we have started in this issue. A "Swap, Sell, & Trade" section. If you have anything you would like to sell, swap, or have a something you are looking for, please feel free to send it to the email address below or give a call with the information.

Well, I hope everyone is enjoying the nice spring weather we are having... I know I am !

We have to remember as Spring approaches, there are several things as professional drivers we should keep in mind and be aware of as we drive each and every day. With good weather comes an increase in traffic volume on our highways and more and more children get out of the house and are playing on or near our roads and streets.

Children playing - Remember when we were kids and we played baseball, basketball and such - we always "lost" the ball - and where did that ball head for? Yup.. The road or street. So watch for all those balls rolling into the road in front of you. Murphy's Law says there will almost always be a child running after that ball. Please be careful, especially when driving on secondary roads through towns and cities.

Senior Citizen Drivers - They have been inside during the past few months as the weather usually prohibits them from getting out. Remember, Seniors are not as quick as you and I are to react to a serious situation.

Teenage Drivers - They have been getting rambunctious after being cooped up inside after they get out of school for the day. They are now out and about roaming the roads with all their friends in their cars and playing their music so loud on those super big stereos, they couldn't hear an air horn if they wanted to in a serious situation.

This is the time of year all drivers, Teenagers and Seniors alike, get out and enjoy the weather and try to



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have fun and good times.

We need to remember Teenage drivers are not as experienced and are still learning how

to deal with a high traffic volumes and can very easily get in a situation that can be dangerous. It is also getting close to high school graduation and there will be parties and such going on.

BEWARE - BE ALERT!!!

As professional drivers we are, at times, the driver that is sometimes ultimately responsible for helping to keep a situation from becoming a bad, severe accident.

As usual, if you have any question about anything I have talked about here, or anything for that matter, I encourage and welcome your calls at 727-3704 or 221-3198. and your emails at dstuart@mainepda.org.

Until next time, be safe, be courteous, and by all means, be professional !!

Dave Stuart, MPDA President

Convoy Update Trucking 4 Kids Convoy

The Trucking 4 Kids website is up & running and all forms have been updated for the 9th annual event to be held this year on Sunday October 1st. Go to www.mpda.org/trucking4kids for all the current information on this years Convoy for Kids.


We hope to make this the most successful year ever! For more information or if you would like to lend a hand, you may contact Dick Brown <rbrown9@maine.rr.com> by phone @ 318-7395 or Terry Stuart <tstuart@mainepda.org> by phone @ 727-3704 or 221-3198.

TDC Updates US National Truck Driving Championships Cancelled

We've been informed by the Chairman of the US Professional Truck Driving Championships, Mike Tallaksen, that there will be no USPTDC National Competition this year. Mike says that due to lack of contestants and sponsorships the Committee is forced to end the USPTDC.

"It was hard to get sponsors with only 38 to 50 contestants and the committee decided that due to the cost of the championship (which was about \$28,000.) and the poor attendance during the last 4 years that it was time to end. I am sorry to have to give you this news. We all had a great time with all that were there and we want to thank those that supported the USPTDC."



NOTE - The ATA National TDC WILL still be held (Continued on page 4)



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State Truck Driving Championships

Now is the time to register for the State Championships, either as a contestant or as a judge or helper.

If you are going to compete, your company should contact Cliff Gray for registration materials. If you want to help with the event you should get in touch with Dave Stuart @ 221-3198 or Cliff Gray @ 207-623-4128. May 20th is coming up quick and to have sufficient time to prepare, you should be getting up to speed and marking your calendar.

MPDA Legislative Report

Editors Note: Just as we were putting the finishing touches on this issue of the newsletter, MPDA received an email from Representative Boyd Marley who is on the Legislature's Transportation Committee with his concern about the Transportation Bond Issue. We felt it was important enough to make sure it got put in this issue. Below is his email with its concerns.

Hello-

My name is Boyd Marley and I am one of the Chairmen of the Legislature's Transportation Committee. I get your association's newsletter "Behind the Wheel" and thought I'd ask for your help. You may have read in the paper about there being no bond this session for our roads. Our committee feels that is a mistake. We are offering a bond that is focused on our roads and bridges around the state. But have met a great deal of opposition. Below is a summary of what we've done and a notice that I hope you'll share with members. If you or any of your members need more information please do not hesitate to contact me. The more people who contact their legislators the more we can fix this problem.

Thank you!

Rep. Boyd Marley

Last fall, the Maine Department of Transportation announced it was canceling \$130 million in road and bridge projects. These deferments include 143 projects in 112 communities.

As business people in this field you know that if we don't fill this gap, we stand to lose up thousands of good jobs in the construction industry and continue to allow our roads to become more dangerous. If a mill employing this many people were threatened with closing, don't you think we'd see it as an economic emergency? And yet we are being told that these 1000 or more jobs don't matter as much.

Legislative leadership made a deal to do NO TRANSPORTATION BONDS. Well these jobs matter a great deal to the families throughout the state who depend on these jobs to make ends meet.

The Legislature's Transportation Committee believe we cannot afford to wait. That's why we have proposed to bond the \$60 million in a manner that doesn't increase the state's debt. The money would come from GARVEE, which is a federally authorized financing instrument that is repaid with future federal highway funds. GARVEE's are low risk, well-rated and widely used across the country.

If you and your employees agree that our roads need to be repaired please contact your legislators at

1-800-423-6900 (Senators) or

1-800-423-2900 (Representatives)

and tell them to support LD 1974 with transportation bonds. Mainers don't want to hear that lawmakers are ignoring their roads and bridges because of "deals" made. That's what turns people off from the political process. Let's return the process to the people and let them decide if we should repair our roads and bridges.

We have the actual text of the bill on our website in Word and PDF format for you to view. It can be found at www.mpda.org/legbills for you to read over. If you do not have internet access and would like a copy of the bill, please contact Dave Stuart at 207-221-3198 or email him at dstuart@mainepda.org and he will be sure to get a copy sent to you.

What's Going On Out & About ATA Announces Tuition Finance Plan for Driver Training

American Trucking Associations (ATA) announced a plan on March 22 that would provide financial assistance for truck driver training school to potential truckers.

ATA said the plan, developed in conjunction with the Truckload Carriers Association, joins motor carriers and lenders to provide low-interest financing to potential drivers who wish to attend a school, but otherwise might not be able to afford it.

Under the program, trucking companies would obtain a low-interest line of credit on behalf of a student who has been qualified for admission by a truck driver training school, said ATA. The carrier then guarantees the student loan in exchange for the student's commitment to work for the company upon graduation.

The association said the program, known as the ATA/TCA Company Driver Tuition Finance Program, is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the nation's shortage of long-haul truck drivers.

"With such a critical driver shortage facing the industry, now, more than ever, trucking is consistently looking toward recruiting and retaining a pool of experienced workers," said Bill Graves, ATA president.

The long-haul, heavy-duty truck transportation industry in the United States currently is experiencing a national shortage of 20,000 truck drivers, said ATA.



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tragic results of colliding with moose, deer and bears.

From dusk till dawn.

Moose and deer are most active around dawn and dusk. They also travel at night. So be especially alert after sunset because these dark colored animals can be very hard to see until they are right in front of your headlights.

Tip: Deer eyes reflect light from headlights very well. But because moose are taller, drivers won't see their eyes reflected in the headlights. This makes moose even harder to see in time to avoid a collision.

November is deer collision month.

Collisions with deer increase in the fall, peaking in November during breeding season.

Summer is moose collision season.

Collisions with moose increase dramatically in the summer months. Autumn incidents are also common. But don't let your guard down. Crashes happen twelve months a year.

Warning signs mean business.

The locations for Maine's moose and deer crossing signs are chosen based on where there are high concentrations of wildlife and where collisions have been a problem.

Drive safely all the time.

Of course, using all of your safe driving skills will improve your chances of avoiding a collision with a moose or deer.

Pay attention and keep to the speed limit.

Driver distractions and inattention combined with excess speed often result in vehicle-wildlife collisions. Always scan the roadside as well as the road.

Good visibility is a must.

In reduced visibility due to darkness, rain, or fog, travel speed should be adjusted to the conditions. Slowing down when visibility is reduced greatly increases your safety.

Animals live in the woods.

Be alert in rural and forested areas. Use high beams whenever possible. Watch for the reflective eyes of deer or the silhouette of a moose.

Herd the one about the traveling moose?

Moose and deer often travel in small herds. If one animal crosses the road, you can bet that there are more animals nearby.

How far ahead can you see?

Do not drive "beyond your headlights." If you can't stop within the distance of your headlight visibility,

you could hit something just beyond your viewing area. You won't see the animal in time to stop.

The Moose Standoff.

If you see a moose standing in or near the roadway, use extreme caution, especially during mating season from late August through October.

- Slow down.
- Do not try to drive around the moose.
- Stay in your vehicle. Do not get out to observe or to chase it off the road. By getting out of the car, you put yourself and other drivers at risk. Moose can be unpredictable and may attack your vehicle. This is no joke.

Believe it or not! What at first appears to be a gentle, lumbering moose will suddenly charge a car, smash into it head first, total the chassis, and then stride quietly away.

- Give moose plenty of room and let them wander back off the road.

What if a crash is unavoidable?

If a crash with an animal is imminent, apply the brakes and steer straight. Let up on the brakes just before impact to allow the front of your vehicle to rise slightly and aim to hit the tail end of the animal. This can reduce the risk of the animal striking the windshield area and may increase your chances of missing the animal.

Duck down to protect yourself from windshield debris.

Be aware that wildlife collisions can occur at any time and under almost any circumstances anywhere in Maine. Moose have been hit in heavily populated neighborhoods in Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, and Bangor - Maine's three largest communities.

So pay attention, stay alert and always remember ...safety is no accident.

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ITEMS WANTED	<p>Wireless microphone system for a digital camcorder. Preferable a lapel style mic (but would accept a hand-held style mic too) with a mountable receiver to be mounted on a camcorder.</p> <p>Will be used to help in production of educational videos for and about the trucking industry to be distributed to trucking company safety departments, public access TV channels and local news media.</p> <p>We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are 100% tax deductible.</p> <p>For more information please call 207-221-3198</p>
ITEMS WANTED	<p>Complete rear end assembly including housing for a 1994 GM (Chevy or GMC) 1500 2WD pickup. Will pick anywhere in southern Maine or southern New Hampshire. Contact Denis at 207-468-7373 or den-truck@hotmail.com.</p>
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Because We All Need To Be Thinking Ahead

MPDA's 2006 Calendar of Events

April	14	Championship Committee Meeting – The Bear Radio Station, Bangor – 10:30am - contact Cliff Gray at 623-4128 or < grayc@mmta.com >
	20-22	34th Annual North American Truck Show – Boston Convention Center, Boston – contact www.truckingexpo.com
	22	Grocery Grudge Set-up Day – Hannaford Trucking Co., So. Portland – 8:00am
	23	Great Grocery Grudge X (Hannaford/Shaw's Driving Competition) – Hannaford Trucking Co., So. Portland – 8:00AM - FMI contact Dave Stuart @ 207-221-3198 or @ < dstuart@mainepda.org >
May	11-12	Region 9 Student Driver Competition – Mexico, Maine - Contact Dick Dolloff at < rdolloff@maine.rr.com >
	19	TDC Set-up Day – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon – Noon - contact Cliff Gray at < grayc@mmta.com > or 207 623-4128
	19	MPDA Hospitality Get-together Room 230 (for everyone involved in competition), Bangor Motor Inn – Contact Everett MacMaster at 797-6330 or < emac@maine.rr.com >
	20	Maine State Truck Driving Championships – Dysart's/Bangor Motor Inn – 5:30am - contact Cliff Gray at < grayc@mmta.com > or 623-4128
June	3	Memorial Service for Gerald Cole and John Thut – Cole's Land Transportation Museum, Bangor – 1:30pm - contact Dave Stuart at 207-221-3198 or < dstuart@mainepda.org >
	10	Conn. State Truck Driving Championships - Somers, CT – contact Roland Bolduc at 413-525-0764 or < roadeo@charter.net >
	10	New Hampshire State Truck Driving Championships – CCX Terminal, Manchester, NH - contact Vera Tucker at 603-224-7337 or < vera@nhmta.org >
	15-18	Trek Across Maine Lung Assn. Rally , Sunday River – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or < dentruck@hotmail.com >
	25	Mass. State Truck Driving Championships – Chicopee, Mass. – contact www.mass-trucking.org
August	15-19	ATA National Truck Driving Championships – New Orleans, Louisiana - contact Cliff Gray at 623-4128 or < grayc@mmta.com >
	27	H.P. Hood Driving Competition – NHDOT Facility, Concord, NH - contact Andy Reed at 603-433-5880 or < Andrew_C_Reed@ryder.com >
Sept	9	Charity Challenge Set-up Day
	10	8th Annual Northeast Professional Truck Drivers Charity Challenge – Devens, Mass.- contact Fred Schenk at 508-453-3632 or < charitychallenge@comcast.net >
	17	Wishes on Wheels Convoy (Charity Fundraiser) – Willington, CT. – contact Roland Bolduc at 413-525-0764 or < roadeo@charter.net >
	23	2006 Charity FunDrive (Charity Fundraiser) Lehigh Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA (I-81, Exit 195) – contact Larry Davis (336) 924-1751 or < info@maptda.org >
	30	Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Set-up Day - 8:00am - Old Country Buffet Rest., Maine Mall - contact Dick Brown at 318-7395 or < rbrown9@maine.rr.com > or < trucking4kids@aol.com >
	30	Trucker's Day – Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland - Contact Pam Rogers at - 848-4853 or < Progers@CrossAgency.com >
October	1	Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy , 7:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, Maine contact Dick Brown at 318-7395 or < rbrown9@maine.rr.com > or < trucking4kids@aol.com >
	22	11th Annual N. H. Truckers Drive for Kids – New Hampshire International Speedway contact - Linda Rafeal at 603-435-6366 or < LindaRfl@nhpda.com >

Correction:

Last month's issue of Behind the Wheel had the incorrect heading at the top of some of the pages where the page numbers are. Instead of "January / February 2006" it should have been "March 2006".